

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1665 - SB 1860

March 13, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Inner City Educational Enhancement Pilot Project Act of 2003*, which:

- Allows the municipal school system, having the greatest number of schools placed on notice or probation to establish an inner city educational enhancement pilot project. No such project shall be established by an LEA without advance approval by the municipal legislative body.
- Specifies that such pilot project shall consist of after-school programs at all or a significant portion of the LEA's schools placed on notice or probation status and also may include before school, Saturday, or summer programs at such schools. Programs and services shall be principally provided by qualified volunteers who are retired teachers, university professors, law enforcement officers, armed forces veterans, or public employees. At the discretion of the municipal legislative body, the municipality may offer incentive grants to such volunteers. In any given year, no volunteer shall receive incentive grants totaling more than an amount that equals one-half of the municipal real property tax previously paid by the volunteer on such person's principal place of residence for the most recently concluded tax year.
- Provides that the Department of Education and the Office of Education Accountability shall jointly monitor the efficiency and effectiveness of any pilot project established under this act. A joint report of findings shall be filed with each member of the Education Oversight Committee, and the Education Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives on or before January 15, 2004, and each year thereafter.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Less than \$20,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- Additional cost to the Office of Education Accountability for staff and travel expenses to conduct oversight of the pilot program. The OEA would be required to review at least 21, up to 64, after school programs every year.
- Any cost associated with the preparation and distribution of a report to members of the Education Committees is estimated to be not significant and can be absorbed within existing resources.
- To the extent local governments elect to create a pilot program that would serve all or a significant portion of the LEA's schools placed on notice or probation, local government

expenditures will increase. Such increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000 based on the following components:

1. Salary for full-time director and part-time assistant;
2. Office supplies for staff;
3. Campaign for advertising to inform the public about the volunteers needed for the program;
4. Materials required for training volunteers;
5. Technical support for training volunteers;
6. Materials needed in schools for volunteer tutors' to use in working with students;
7. Cost of an outside evaluation to determine effectiveness of the pilot program; and
8. Background checks required for volunteers to ensure students' safety.

This estimate is based on the current budget for the Memphis City Schools' pilot tutoring program "Our Children, Our Future".

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director